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Fran Wheeler, Ph.D.  
Center for Health Promotion  
South Carolina Department of Health and  
Environmental Control  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Support for Project Assist

Dear Dr. Wheeler:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application of The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the American Cancer Society of South Carolina for funding from Project Assist of the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society, to implement a program designed to reduce smoking prevalence in South Carolina.

The use of tobacco in South Carolina is on the increase, particularly among youth, and there is a definite need for the effort to both reduce this use and educate the public to the hazards of tobacco use. As I understand the two phases of Project Assist, the problems associated with tobacco use in our state will be greatly impacted, to the extent, hopefully, that such use and its attending hazards will cease to be problems at all by the year 2000.

I know first-hand of the competence and abilities of DHEC and, therefore, I am quite confident of DHEC's ability to administer this project. Moreover, this agency will provide assistance by the assigning of professional staff and in other respects.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Executive Assistant, Willis R. Brown.

Sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene A. Laurent".  
Eugene A. Laurent, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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